



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Connecting with God; Connecting with Others; Connecting others with God

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I've been reading an archaeological study about a man named Urtenu, a merchant who lived in Ugarit in what is now Syria. He lived there some time before 1200BCE. He kept letters, accounting ledgers, and administrative texts concerning affairs all over the Middle East. As archaeologists studied the more than 650 clay tablets Urtenu left behind, they learned much about life in the ancient city. He asked for estimates for projects and signed contracts. He paid bills. He asked for help and gave thanks for that help. It was very ordinary, the same kind of things we do today.

It is so easy when we face a problem to think we are all alone and the only person to ever face this particular situation. The truth is ever since people began living together the same situations have been a recurrent theme. Remember: you are never alone because Jesus has promised to walk with you. Your situation has been faced by many, many people and you will get through it. The problem may not be resolved as quickly as we would like, but it will be resolved.